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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :  
JEAN-LUC DUBOIS :  
Serial No.: 09/194,996 :  
Filed: December 4, 1993 :  
For: TRANSDERMIC...MEDICAMENTS :

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DECLARATION

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Jean-Claude Vieillefosse hereby deposes and says:

That inadvertently, in the declaration that he executed on January 25, 2002, he indicated that Jean-Luc Dubois was employed by Aventis Pharma and this is an incorrect statement since he was employed by Roussel Uclaf which was merged into Hoechst Marion Roussel which latter company was then merged into the present Assignec, Aventis Pharma S.A.

That it can be seen from the notification of the change of registration of the name filed with the application, that Roussel Uclaf has become Hoechst Marion Roussel. The merger of Roussel Uclaf into Hoechst Marion Roussel was recorded in the Patent Office on July 14, 1999 beginning at frame 0807 of reel 10070. The merger of Hoechst Marion Roussel into Aventis Pharma S.A. was recorded in the Patent Office on February 1, 2001 beginning at frame 0001 of reel 11497. Therefore, the line of title is clear and Aventis Pharma S.A. is the 1.47(b) Applicant.

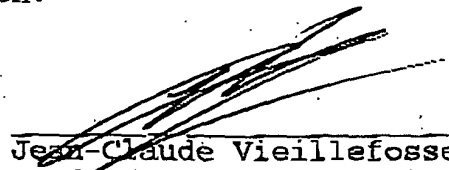
That Mr. Dubois was performing an inventive task which corresponds to his actual duties and was performing studies and research with which he had been explicitly entrusted.

That he had first-hand knowledge of Mr. Dubois' research duties as a result of his activities as head of the patent department for the Assignee at the time Mr. Dubois was doing his research and as noted previously, part of his duties was to review invention disclosures and determine whether or not to proceed with the filing of a patent application based on that research.

That he was carrying out these duties with respect to Mr. Dubois' activities with respect to the project covered in the present patent application.

It is declared by the undersigned that all statements made herein of undersigned's own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S. Code 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Date:

*July 11, 2002*

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